



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Bruce E. Stevens, et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/756,892  
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For : LOCKING PLATE FOR BONE  
ANCHORS  
Examiner : David Owen Reip  
Group Art Unit : 3731

**AMENDMENT****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2005, please reconsider the above-referenced application in light of the following amendments and comments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.